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FREE SOIL EROSION DEVICES FROM COUNTY ARE POPULAR ITEMS

Supplies Are Still Available at Public Works Road Stations in Five North County Communities

Residents affected by the recent wildfires are snapping up free soil erosion devices and supplies, and supplies are still available at five County Department of Public Works (DPW) road stations in North County.

Since the stations opened on Nov. 6, there have been 546 visits to road stations. Road station workers have completed 162 erosion control on-site assessments at the request of some residents.

Other statistics include:

- 22,463 sand bags issued
- 4,267 gravel bags issued
- 2,007 pounds of native grass seed mix issued
- 1,291 straw waddles issued
- 444 straw blankets issued

Straw waddles, also known as straw rolls, are made of straw wrapped in thin mesh material. They are placed in trenches to deflect water when it runs off of a hillside. Straw blankets are placed on hillsides to protect against rainfall.

The road stations are located at 2914 Tavern Road, Alpine; 116 Fifth St., Ramona; 1524 N. Highway 78, Julian; 28565 Cole Grade Rd., Valley Center, and 13115 Willow Rd., Lakeside. For more information, please call the County Fire Recovery Hotline, (858) 495-5494.

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